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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & CO., 39, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, 25, Circus, E.C. BATES & HENRY & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

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## Banks.

### NOTICE.

**RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.**

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week days, 10 to 3; Saturday, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than £1. or more than £200 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than £2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having £100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent, upon annual interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent, per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 7, 1885. 75

**HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £7,500,000  
RESERVE FUND, £4,500,000  
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION OF DIVIDENDS, £8,500,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS, £7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—Hon. F. D. SABOON, A. MOYER, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman—H. HOPPIUS, Esq.  
C. D. BOTTONLEY, Esq.  
H. L. DALYMPLE, Esq.  
M. GUOTE, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, Thomas JACKSON, Esq.  
Shanghai, Ewen CAMERON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of per cent, per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

Local Bills Discounted.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial cities in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 31, 1885. 2120

**THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.**

APPROVED CAPITAL, £2,000,000  
PAID-UP, £500,000

REGISTERED OFFICE,

40, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:

In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE Bank receives Money on Deposit, buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION PURCHASED ON ADVANTAGEOUS TERMS.

H. A. HERBERT,

Manager.

Hongkong, July 4, 1885. 1128

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to Grant Policies on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, at current rates.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

Hongkong, November 5, 1885. 805

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

M. L. JUEDELL has been Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm in Hongkong and PAKHOI from this date.

A. SCHOMBURG & Co.  
Hoikow 1st January, 1886. 3

### NOTICE.

We have authorised Mr. FRANK ERNST NICHOL to Sign our Firm per Procurator.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, January 4, 1886. 25

### NOTICE.

M. CECIL WILLIAM HOLLIDAY is Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm from this date.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1886. 1

### NOTICE.

We have This Day Admitted Mr. SHELLIM EZEKIEL SHELLIM a PARTNER in one Firm in HONGKONG and CHINA.

DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1886. 2

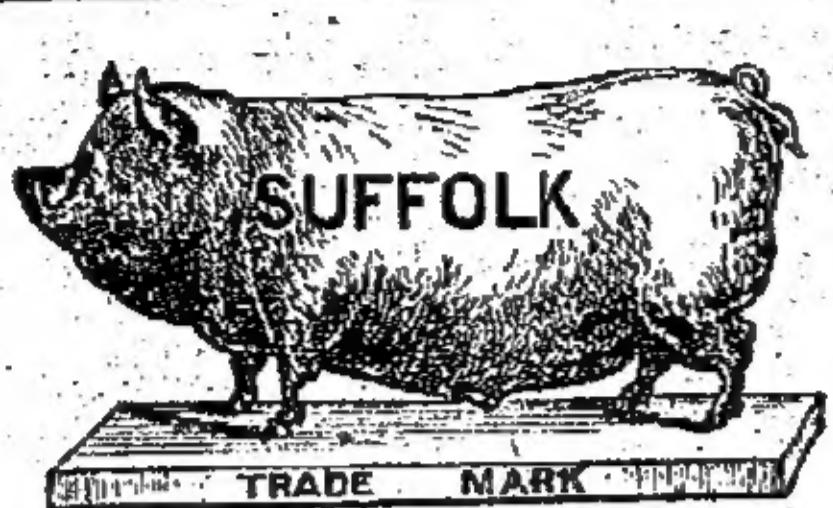
### NOTICE.

WE have This Day Admitted Mr. SHELLIM EZEKIEL SHELLIM a PARTNER in one Firm in HONGKONG and CHINA.

ROBERT LANG & Co.,  
QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

## Business Notices.

### JUST LANDED, A FRESH SUPPLY OF



## EDWARD BEART'S CELEBRATED HOME CURED SUFFOLK HAMS, BACON, &c.

POTTED BEEF AND HAM.  
PIGS' FEET AND TONGUES.  
SALTED FOREHANDS.  
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. 2278

Hongkong, December 30, 1885.

ROBERT LANG & Co.,  
QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

Scotch Tweed  
Suit, \$15.00.

Over 100 patterns of Stylish  
Tweeds of

Exceptionally Good value to  
select from.

While advertising our Speci-

alities we also wish to draw the attention of our Customers to our now complete Stock of TWEEDE SUITINGS, COATINGS, TROUSERINGS, SERGES, FLANNELS, &c. A large and choice selection of the newest FABRICS of English, Scotch and Continental Manufacture, from medium to the very finest qualities.

Hongkong, October 1, 1885.

W. POWELL & Co.,  
J. U. S. R. RECEIVED

POWLIFES SANITARY WOVEN  
WINE MATTERESS, all sizes.

IRON BEDSTADS and INFANTS' CORNS.

New Patterns in TAPESTRIES & CRETTONNÉ.

Coloured TABLE CLOTHS and FRANCES.

GILT TABLES and WHAINBONE.

FENDER, FIRE IRONS and COAL BOXES.

A good assortment of JUGS and FANCY GLASS WARE.

SOLE AGENTS IN HONGKONG FOR ROSENKRANZ'S CELEBRATED PIANOS

W. POWELL & Co.,  
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, January 8, 1886.

W. POWELL & Co.,  
KELLY & WALSH, LTD.,  
HAVE JUST RECEIVED

15,000 VOLUMES OF  
CHEAP & LIGHT LITERATURE.

CATALOGUES ON APPLICATION.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, January 4, 1886. 26

Intimations.

WANTED.

A Situation as SHIPPING CLERK by a PORTUGUESE, who has been lately in CHARGE of a large SHIPPING DEPARTMENT in a Merchant's House.

Good Reference and Testimonials.

Apply to

BATAVIA, c/o Posto Restante, Amoy.

30th December, 1885. 2281

THE SAN FRANCISCO CORDAGE COMPANY.

JARDINE, MATHEISON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 31, 1885. 2282

NOTICE.

MR. WONG TALFONG, DENTIST, having been INVITED by RESIDENTS at SWATOW, to make a professional visit, intends being ABSENT from the 6th to 12th January. He respectfully requests his Friends who may urgently require his Services to attend at his Office before that date.

Letters addressed to No. 2, DUDDELL STREET, during his Absence, will receive immediate attention on their return.

(NEXT DOOR TO ORIENTAL BANK.)

2, Duddell Street, Hongkong, January 4, 1886. 44

FOR SALE

PURE MANILA and SISAL ROPES in

Coils, from 6 Thread to 8 inches.

6 to 12 Thread MANILA, 12 Coats per 10 ft.

14 inch to 8 inches = 11 ft.

Apply at the

GODOWNS, No. 13, Praya Central.

Hongkong, December 31, 1885. 2283

Intimations.

WANTED.

A Situation as CHINAMAN, to

work in a Chinese Household.

Apply at the

GODOWNS, No. 13, Praya Central.

Hongkong, December 31, 1885. 2284

NOTICE.

THE Entire STOCK of their Magnificent and Rare Collection of ANCIENT and MODERN JAPANESE FINE CURIOS and Works of the Highest Art.

To be Sold in Lots in Japan.

(Both STORES AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.)

Hongkong, January 2, 1886.

Intimations.

WANTED.

A Situation as CHINAMAN, to

work in a Chinese Household.

Apply at the

GODOWNS, No. 13, Praya Central.

Hongkong, December 31, 1885. 2285

NOTICE.

THE Entire STOCK of their Magnificent and Rare Collection of ANCIENT and MODERN JAPANESE FINE CURIOS and Works of the Highest Art.

To be Sold in Lots in Japan.

(Both STORES AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.)

## For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.  
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,  
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE JUST LANDED.  
THE FOLLOWING

## STORES.

YORK HAMS.  
STILTON CHEESE.  
PUDDING RAISINS (Valencia).  
CURRANTS (Patras).  
MINCEMEAT.  
CHRISTMAS CAKES.  
FIGS.  
ALMONDS AND RAISINS.  
BRAZIL NUTS.  
SOFT-SHELL ALMONDS.  
METZ FRUITS.  
CRYSTALLIZED FRUITS.  
FRUITS IN SYRUPS.  
IMPERIAL PLUMS.  
PLUM PUDDINGS.  
COSAQUES.

CALIFORNIA PRODUCTS.  
CONDENSED MILK.  
KEROSENE LAMPS.  
FAIRBANK'S SCALES.  
COOKING STOVES.  
PALLOUR STOVES.

—  
THE USUAL ASSORTMENT.

OILMAN'S STORES,  
AND

## WINES,

at the  
Lowest Possible Prices  
FOR CASH.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.  
Hongkong, December 1, 1885. 2084

## FOR SALE.

COURSE, DISTANCE,  
AND AVERAGE SPEED TABLES,  
FROM  
LONDON, via THE SUEZ CANAL,  
TO  
INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN, &c.,  
WITH  
VARIOUS OTHER TABLES AND NOTES;  
BY  
W. A. GULLAND.

To be obtained at the  
CHINA MAIL'S OFFICE,  
Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,  
FALCONER & Co.  
Hongkong, September 2, 1884. 1475

## Intimations.

## NOTICE.

FOR the Convenience of Customers, the  
Production of the CHINA SUGAR  
REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED, can be  
forwarded by RETAIL, FOR  
CASH, at No. 8, PAZZI STREET, at the same  
prices as at the REFINERY; or Retail  
Orders will be delivered at addresses in  
town on applicants forwarding their Monthly  
Requirements in writing direct to the  
REFINERY at East Point.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, July 27, 1885. 1262

## NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are  
respectfully informed that, if upon  
their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of  
the Company's FOREMEN should be at  
hand, Orders for REPAIRS, if sent to the  
HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will  
receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found  
necessary, Communication with the Under-  
signed is requested, when immediate steps  
will be taken to rectify the cause of dis-  
satisfaction.

D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1458

In the Matter of the Estate of the late  
WILLIAM GATHERALL SYDE, Master of the S.S. "Greyhound".

NOTICE is hereby given that all Persons  
having any CLAIMS against the  
Estate of the said WILLIAM GATHERALL  
SYDE, who was interred by his relatives at  
sea, the 17th October, 1885, and Letters  
of Administration to whom Estate was  
granted to his Widow, MARY SYDE, on the  
13th DAY of NOVEMBER, 1885, are hereby  
requested to send in Writing to the Under-  
signed, or before the 15th DAY OF  
JANUARY next, full Particulars of their  
Claims or Demands, and all Persons IN-  
DEBTED to the said Estate are requested  
to make immediate Payment to the Under-  
signed.

And, Notice is hereby also given that, as  
soon as possible after the above mentioned  
date, the Administrators will proceed to  
distribute the Assets of the said Estate,  
among the Parties entitled thereto, having  
regard only to the Claims, of which they  
shall then have had Notice in writing.

Dated in Hongkong,  
the 27th November, 1885.

THOS. M. DERMER.

## Intimations.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF  
HONGKONG.  
Estate of WILLIAM NICHOLAS  
DEVILLE, late Captain of S.S. "Haw-  
thorn", Deceased.

THE OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR requests  
that all CLAIMS against the above  
Estate be sent in without delay.  
Dated this 6th day of January, 1886. 39

GRIFFITH'S  
NEW VIEWS OF HONGKONG  
NOW READY,  
1, DUDDELL STREET.

GRIFFITH & Co.,  
MANUFACTURERS  
OF THE  
LONDON AERATED WATERS,  
1, DUDDELL STREET,

Continue to Supply:  
SODA WATER, LEMONADE,  
TONIC, GINGERADE,  
SALTZER, RASPBERRYADE,  
SARSAPARILLA, &c., &c.

At the same Moderate Charges.  
Hongkong, June 9, 1885. 967

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.,  
Chromometer, Watch & Clock Makers,  
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths,  
Nautical Scientific and  
Meteoro logical  
INSTRUMENTS.

VOCALOIDER'S CELEBRATED  
BINOCULARS and TELESCOPES.

RITCHIE'S LIQUID and OTHER COMPASSES.

ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS.

NAUTICAL BOOKS.

ENGLISH SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

Christoffel & Co.'s ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY,

in great variety.

DIAMONDS

— AND —

DIAMOND JEWELLERY,

Selected Collection of the Latest LONDON

PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.

Moderate FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,  
Surgeon Dentist,

(Formerly ARTICLED APPRENTICE and  
LATENT ASSISTANT to Dr. ROGERS)

At the urgent request of his European  
and American patients and friends,  
has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occu-  
pied by Dr. ROGERS,

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families

Sole Address:

2, DUDDELL STREET,

(Next to the New Oriental Bank).

Hongkong, January 12, 1886. 68

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.'s  
PIERS AND GODOWNS,  
WEST POINT.

\* THESE are now in Working Order,—  
STEAMERS are BERTHED at the Wharf,  
and CARGO RECEIVED and STORED at Cheap  
RATES.

The GODOWNS are two storied, dry  
airy, and well suited for the Storage of  
SILK, COTTON and WOOLLEN PIECE GOODS,  
as well as GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Advances made on Cargo stored.

For Rates and further Particulars, apply to  
the MANAGER, or to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, December 2, 1885. 2002

## Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

THE ZARZUELA SPANISH OPERA  
COMPANY  
THIS EVENING,

TUESDAY, the 12th January, 1886.

FIRST SUBSCRIPTION NIGHT OF  
TWELVE PERFORMANCES.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle or Stalls, Front Seats—

Single Ticket for 12 nights—

Dress Circle or Stalls, Front Seats—

Family Ticket (admit 3) for 12 nights—

Dress Circle or Stalls, Front Seats—

1 night—

Back Seats, 1 night—

Seats can be booked at Messrs. KELLY &

WALSH, LIMITED.

For further Particulars see Programme.

Hongkong, January 12, 1886. 76

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAM-  
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Company's Steamer

Mongkul,

Capt. P. H. Lort, will be

despatched for the above

Port on FRIDAY, the 15th Instant, at

Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, January 12, 1886. 83

FOR ROTTERDAM AND LONDON,  
VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship

De By,

Captain Lee, will be

despatched for the above

Port on about the 16th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Agents.

Hongkong, January 12, 1886. 84

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-

tions to sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 15th January, 1886, at 2 p.m., at his

Sales Room, Queen's Road,

AN ASSORTMENT OF

JAPANESE WARE,  
comprising—

KANGA, IMAY, KOTO, TOKIO and SAN-

SUNA VASES, JARS, BOWLS, PLATES, CAN-

DISHES, TEA and BREAKFAST SETS, EN-

AMELED WARE, GOLD and SILVER INLA-

BRONZES, EMBROIDERIES, EMBROIDERED

SCREENS, and KAKIMONO.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 12, 1886. 85

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor

Owners will be Responsible for

any Debt contracted by the Officers or

Crew of the following Vessels, during

their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

BARONDELET, American ship, Capt. W.

F. Stetton, American Martime.

CEYLON, American barque, Captain R.

Calhoun—Wing Chong Kit.

DARTMOUTH, British barque, Capt. Benj.

Flinton—Melchers & Co.

GIBRALT, British barque, Capt. William

Grant—Captain.

GREAT SURGEON, American barque, Capt.

Charles F. Finn—Order.

HARMONY, German ship, Captain Kas-

selbach—Melchers & Co.

JOHN CURRIER, American ship, Capt. J.

B. Blethen—Order.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

None.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, and BOM-

BAY.—Per Venezia, at 2.30 p.m., on Wednesday,

the 13th inst., instead of as pre-

viously notified.

This bill which has just been introduced into the Legislative Council under the heading of 'A Bill' entitled an Ordinance to repeal the Usury Laws and to fix a legal rate of interest, does not seem to us to be worded so clearly as it might have been. Briefly, it is generally regarded as the soul of wisdom perspicuity, but too much brevity is sometimes apt to give rise to ambiguity. In the ordinance before us, the first quality is very pronounced, there are only four sections in the entire bill and those are brief—but it is to be regretted that the second quality is absent. Clauses one and two are purely technical and deal with the title and the repealing of the former ordinances on the subject, which are consolidated in the present one. Clause three, which contains the whole essence of the measure, reads as follows:—

Where interest payable on any contract, express or implied, or on any debt or sum of money, but the rate of such interest is not fixed by the contract or by the parties or rule of law, the rate thereof shall not exceed 8½ per centum per annum. Provided always that it shall be lawful for the Supreme Court of Hongkong and every other Court having jurisdiction within the Colony, in awarding interest, in any action, suit or matter, if the circumstances of the case so require, to fix a lower rate of interest than the above.

Now though it is perfectly evident that the Courts are empowered to grant interest at the rate of 8½ per centum per annum, or, if they think it just and expedient, may even award a lower rate, it also seems to us that anyone may recover under this clause a much larger rate of interest than 8½ per cent provided the rate of interest was fixed at the time the loan was made. Possibly the clause reads legally may bear another interpretation; read in an ordinary light it can bear no other meaning than that put upon it by ourselves, and if, as we have always understood, this ordinance was introduced for the purpose of rendering it impossible for the harpies who are too common in this Colony to recover more than a legitimate rate of interest, it seems to us that unless the phrasology is altered, it may not effect its object. Possibly the Attorney General, when the bill comes on to be read a second time, may give us information which will remove our doubts.

Professor Huxley, addressing the Fellows of the Royal Society, said that the last twelve months had exhibited in slackening in the accelerated speed with which the physical sciences had been growing during several decades. He believed that in the twentieth century the interpenetration of science with the common affairs of life, so marked in our time, would be immeasurably closer.

CORONEL YUO will contribute an article to the first number of the *Asian Quarterly Review*. Among other notable papers in the same publication will be "China and Burmese," by Professor R. K. Douglass, and "The Chinese Brave," by Shway Yee (of George Scott), who from his Tonquin experiences discusses the prospects of the Chinese army.

Mrs Langtry has been doing splendid business at the Theatre Royal, Belfast. On the evening of Nov. 25 she was the recipient of a graceful compliment. At the end of the fourth act of "The Lady of Lyons," a basket filled with exotic and maiden fair fern was lowered from the gallery amid the cheers of the entire audience. Attached to the basket was a card dedicating the tribute to Mrs Langtry "as an expression of respect and admiration on the part of the students of the Queen's College."

A GENTLEMAN who recently returned from Vladivostock reports that when the *Kaimon* arrived at that port some time ago it was believed from the completeness of her equipment, the regularity of her movements, and the orderly manner in which her crew conducted themselves, that some English officers must be serving on board. When the public were admitted to the vessel they found, however, not the slighted trace of foreign service on board, and began to understand for the first time how far the Japanese Navy has advanced. Some persons are said to have remarked that our fleet yields in no particular to the English navy.—Nichi Nichi Shinbun.

A FUGITIVE case of abscondingness on the part of a Chinaman has been reported to the N.-C. D. News. It appears a native went to one of the Banks and drew out \$500 in *ai* notes. When he left the Bank he had on his shoulder some strings of cash, which broke, and the coin was all scattered about. The man had the notes in his hand, and when he stooped down to pick up his cash, he also fell on the ground. Having succeeded in collecting the cash, he went away, but forgot all about his notes. When he discovered his loss, he returned to look for them, but it is hardly necessary to state that he did not find them.

The New Japanese Village having been rebuilt was reopened on Dec. 2. The new structure is a really handsome and spacious range of buildings of brick and iron-work, with convenient entrances and exits, and it is understood to be fireproof as modern appliances can render it. The familiar temples and tea-houses this time gather around a Japanese garden, and the work-shops have been multiplied till the "Village" has grown into the representation of a peaceful rural town. It is an ill wind that blows nobody any good, and the public have profited by the destruction of the former miniature Japan in having substituted for it an *amore* scene, built with more variety of this form of Oriental life than could be crowded into the limits of the previous one, which nevertheless proved unmercifully inviting. Among the natives there are a number of new faces. All, of course, wear the quaint dresses of their country, and they look so impressive when sitting about unconcerned that it is sometimes difficult to say whether they are living persons or merely the "counterfeits" presented thereto. But this is only one of the peculiarities of a distant Oriental people, which find picturesqueness and illustrations in the new hall at Albert

The author of the anonymous work "How to be Happy though Married," a notice of which we reproduced the other night, and which has been well received, is the Rev. E. J. Hardy, chaplain of her Majesty's forces at Gosport.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* has the following comments on the appointment of Sir John Walsham to the post of British Minister to China:—It is time that some appointment was made to our Legation in Peking; and if Sir John Walsham has got it, as the Times reports, it is only his due in the regular course of diplomatic promotion, for the Secretariat at Paris is the recognized step to an independent mission. Having failed to get a man of special experience, the Foreign Office has resorted to the services of Sir John Walsham, the usual ambassador despatched to China on the arrival of the winter equinox has left Peking. The Korean Government has borrowed yet 1,000 from Germany, owing to the urgent demand of the Japanese Government for payment of the indemnity.

The Government has prolonged the present telegraph line to (the words follow-

ing here are unintelligible) in China. A body of constables has been stationed at Sui.

PRINCE BISMARCK complains that his coun-

trymen who go abroad are far too ready to renounce their nationality. On Nov. 28 Herr Reichenbacher (Clerical) asked the Government whether it meant to treat as legally forbidden in German protectorates all missionary activity of the order of the Society of Jesus and its affiliated orders;

and whether it meant to exclude the activity of Roman Catholic missions

generally in the aforesaid protectorates.

The Chancellor replied to the second question:—On the fifth day (1) the water population, (2) the air population; and on the sixth day (3) the land population, (man and population consumed in man). This same fourfold order is understood to have been so affirmed in our time by natural science that it may be taken as a demonstrated conclusion and established fact.

"Understood, by whom?" asks the Pres-

ident. "I know nothing at all about this re-

sult attained by the natural science of our time, it is a demonstrated fact and established fact" that this fourfold order given by Mr Gladstone is not that in which the evidence of our disposal tends to show that the "water" air, and land popula-

tions of the globe have made their appearance.

If Mr Gladstone's latest information on these matters is derived from the famous discourse prefixed to Cuvier's "Ossicon's Fossils," I can understand the position he has taken up; if he has received a respectable modern manual of paleontology or geology, I can not. For the facts which demolish the hypothesis of the common origin of all men are well known to all. If Mr Gladstone has interpreted Genesis rightly (on which point I am most anxious to be understood to offer no opinion), that interpretation is wholly irreconcileable with the conclusions at present accepted by the interpreters of nature. The series of fossiliferous deposits which contain the remains of animals that lived on the earth in past ages of history may be propounded in the following manner (the oldest last), quadrupeds, plesiosaur, miocene, eocene (vertebrate air population, batæ, crocodiles, "uracis" (vertebrate land population, bird and pterodactyls), triassic, upper paleozoic, middle paleozoic (vertebrate land population, amphibia, reptiles); Silurian (vertebrate air population, fishes; vertebrate air and land population, flying insects and scorpions), and Cambrian (vertebrate water population—much earlier "cozoon" is animal). Therefore, if we found ourselves on vertebrate animals and take "fowl" (in Genesis) to mean birds only, or, at most, flying vertebrates, natural science says that the order of succession was water, land, and air population, and not as Mr Gladstone, found himself on Genesis, says, water, air, land population. Suppose, however, that "fowl" is to be taken to include flying insects. In that case the first appears to be the order of the fourfold order, we see that the air population must be shifted back for long ages, recent discoveries have shown that they existed in the Silurian period. 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